Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—How many feet are there between the road and the verandah?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—15.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do they intend to increase the number of beds?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Not at present.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer that some patients can harmlessly inhale dust? (*Laughter*).

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want to explain. There is no public road there as a rule. Just before the monsoon for the convenience of the railway a diversion was made there and then there was a public road. At present it is closed and there is no dust.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is the Chief Medical Officer quite sure that there is no public road there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is a blind road going to the riverbed.

Inmates in the Lunatic Asylum.

15. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many inmates are there in the Lunatic Asylum;

(2) of these how many males and how many females;

(3) what are the duties of the Assistant Surgeon now attached to the Asylum;

(4) what is the aim of the Government in posting a senior Assistant Surgeon in preference to a Sub-Assistant Surgeon;

(5) how many of the lunatics attend the medical side every day?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) 122.

(2) 86 males and 36 females.

(3) To be in sole charge of the administration of the hospital and to look after the health of the patients.

(4) A Sub-Assistant Surgeon was put in charge when the number of patients was small. But now the importance of the Institution is growing and Government considered that a professional man with higher qualifications and status would be better than a Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

(5) About 25 to 30 patients.

Petition of the Chittur Goddess Bhagavathi.

16. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they received a petition of the Chittur Goddess Bhagavathi dated 15th November 1933;

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